

Presenter Biographies

Phil Dunn, AG® is an Accredited Genealogist in England and Scotland research with nearly 35 years professional experience in genealogical research methodology and is an experienced missing persons locator/heir-tracer, formerly for two major UK corporations and, more recently with a local law firm. The son of English parentage, he has lived, studied and lectured in the UK, Ireland, U.S. and Canada, and is a specialist in especially London and ‘Home’ (surrounding) counties, Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cheshire, England’s big cities, 'Brickwall' 17th Century emigration, the West Midland counties, military, Nonconformist, (esp. Roman Catholic, Huguenots, Germanic churches, etc.) British subjects abroad, maximizing users’ experience in the FamilySearch search engine.

Craig Foster, AG® has had an interest in history and genealogy since his youth. He earned two Master’s degrees at Brigham Young University and has worked at the Family History Library since 1991. He has worked as a British cataloger; in the VIP Services (formerly Library Public Affairs) Unit; and, since 2011, as a Research Specialist in British Reference. While Craig loves pretty much all British family history research, he has a particular interest in Scotland and Ireland. He is also very interested in and has researched and written about marriage practices and age at first marriage, generational family relationships, and naming patterns. Craig and his wife, Suzanne, are the parents of three children.

Mark Gardner, AG® was born in Salt Lake City, Utah and has been a professional genealogist since November, 1982. Most of this time has been in the Family History Library assisting individuals locate their ancestors. His love for Genealogy came from his Father who instilled in him at a young age the importance of Genealogical Research. His trips to The British Isles in 1974 and 1976 gave him a sense of the how important History is to the British. Research Trips to the British Isles in 1986, 2008, 2011, 2012 and Australia & New Zealand in 1990 were a very helpful experience. He is currently a staff member of the British Reference/Research Unit since June, 2000 at the Family History Library. He has a great understanding of the British Isles Collection housed in the Family History Library and also online genealogical records.

Joni Kesler, AG® has been with the Family History Library for 30 years. She has worked in the United States, British, Hosting and VIP units. She currently works as a Research Specialist assigned to the Outreach and Discovery Team. Joni enjoys reading and spending time with her family of four daughters, four granddaughters, and one grandson.

Todd Knowles, AG® is an accredited Genealogist who specializes in English and Jewish research. For the past 15 years he has been a member of the reference staff at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Todd has lectured all over the world and his articles have been widely published. In own genealogical search began at the age of twelve and the desire to find more about his family grows every day. His quest to find more about his GGGrandfather, a Polish Jew, has led to the creation of the Knowles Collection, six databases that contain the records of the Jewish people. It currently (as of Jan 2017) contains the records of over 1,400,000 people. Todd also authors a blog about the collection, knowlescollection.blogspot.com. Todd is married with seven children and 2 grandchildren.

David Rencher, AG®, CG, FUGA, FIGRS, is employed as the Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch. A professional genealogist since 1977, he is one of the rare few who have earned both credentials: Accredited Genealogist^{CM} with ICAPGenSM in Ireland research and Certified Genealogist[®] with the Board for Certification of Genealogists[®]. He is a past-president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

Darris Williams, AG® Darris has a Bachelor degree in Family & Community History. He worked as a British reference consultant at the Family History Library for 15 years and was a co-founder of the FamilySearch Wiki. Darris is presently a research community manager, freelance genealogist and family history instructor.

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